have seeped in. I am so proud of them and I really do thank you. I will be happy to pay any charges that you incurred for them so please let me know.

I have recommended two new members to the Society, Mrs. Francis D. McDonald and Mrs. LaVerne Holder. I know Mrs. McDonald has received her membership notice. I did not meet her until January; however, I wish it had been sooner so that I could have taken you to see her beautiful garden. She has many, many nice hibiscus and such colorful crotons. She has beautiful plants of Ross Estey, Bernice Hudson, Ruth Stuart Allen, Sensation, Patricia Gautier, etc.

One which we both have, and which I believe I mentioned to you during your visit, we are very interested in identifying. It is a tremendous semi-double that sometimes is single with beautiful red petals that are edged with a brilliant yellow. I saw a picture in the Florida Homemaker & Gardener once that looked like it except it was described as a single. It was called Big Boy and later changed to Harry R. Goulding. On ours the style is real thick. I will send a more complete description later.

As I lost several varieties in the frost of December 1st, I have had to replace some plants along the back wall. I got so involved I took off all of last week and re-worked all the beds. I planted several of my grafts as well as some new varieties to me - Gen. Eisenhower, Pat Gautier, a Gladys Carroll, which Dr. and Mrs. Carroll were so nice to give me, Carmen, and others. I purchased some nice plants from Mr. Bass but these had to be shipped bare-root so I still have them in cans and I believe they will make it. These include Desert Sun, Harry R. Goulding, Grace Goo, Picardy, Prom Girl, Pat, Rosemary Clooney, Ruth Stuart Allen and others - total 15. I passed his list to two other friends and they bought similar amounts.

I am enclosing a check for my membership dues. I didn't get the last issue of the SEED POD but did

read a borrowed one and was so happy and surprised to see my latest letter to you there. It was so nice of you. We do appreciate all the wonderful things you wrote about the Carrolls and myself. Mrs. McDonald has shown the issue to several friends and they are all so pleased. If it is not too much bother I would surely appreciate 2 or 3 copies, one for myself anyway and one for my Dad for he will treasure it as I will. He is a well-known botanist, by the way, and a friend of Mr. Menninger, The Flowering Tree Man. If I could have one more copy of the reprint of Mr. Bass' article, I have one friend I could really make happy.

Mr. Bass mentioned he may come to Texas later this year and if so we will make every effort to meet him and visit with him.

I had a terrific bloom today on The Latin Rhythm (hybridized by B. Parnell), must be 10 inches or 10½. I will measure it later this afternoon. I went to Houston in mid-January and on to Galveston to meet Rev. Gibson but I missed him as he was at a Conference. I hope to see him in May when I return for a check-up. If you can give me the address of Mr. Currie in Houston, I will look him up. Have you any idea where one may obtain a plant of Mr. John A. Johnson (a single red flecked white) or a Zippy? The local nurseries received young grafted liners from Gooch-land recently. We have most of them but Typhoon and Mrs. Tom Hudson are two we are going to get when put on sale.

I know you are very busy but do let us hear from you.

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